

LOEB SWORN IN AS COLLECTOR OF PORT

Col. Fowler Thanks Subordinates for Their Support.

OFFICE LIKE A CONSERVATORY

Friends of New Incumbent Send Flowers—Former Washingtonian Spends Most of Afternoon Familiarizing Himself with New Duties. Fowler to Resume Law Practice.

New York, March 9.—William Loeb, Jr., former secretary to President Roosevelt, was sworn in today as collector of the port, succeeding Col. E. S. Fowler, who had served only fifteen months. Mr. Loeb took the oath before Judge Holt in the United States Circuit Court.

The new collector, with two or three of his friends, went at once to the custom-house, where Col. Fowler was waiting to receive him. On the surface, at least, the meeting between Mr. Loeb and his predecessor was most cordial.

Col. Fowler shook hands with the new collector and then led him into the collector's private office. The two were in conference about ten minutes, and when they came out again about 100 officers who will serve under Mr. Loeb were gathered in the big reception room.

Col. Fowler reads this speech:

"Gentlemen of the Customs Service: We have reached another step in the affairs of the port. The collector is changed, but the work of good administration will go on. In retiring from the office of collector, I look you in the eyes for the last time, and while bidding you an affectionate farewell, I wish to thank you for the efficient, loyal, and faithful support you have so cheerfully given me in the last fifteen months. No more unselfish and capable officers ever rendered service to the government. The new collector is a man of large experience, who began at the bottom of the ladder. I wish him success in the office, and ask you to give him the same loyal support you have accorded me."

Turning to Mr. Loeb, the collector shook hands with him again and wished him "the very best luck." Some officers applauded, and all of them marched up and shook hands with the new man. Mr. Loeb, after he had passed down the line, said:

"I am very much obliged to you, gentlemen, for coming here to meet me this morning. I expect to carry on the work that Col. Fowler has been doing so well, but I cannot succeed without the loyal co-operation of all of you. I shall judge each one on his merits. I shall keep open house here, and shall be glad to see you at all times. Thank you very much."

Studies Details of Work.

Mr. Loeb spent most of the afternoon with Col. Fowler, familiarizing himself with the details of the office. The new collector said afterward he would make no change in the force for the present; that everything would go along just as it has under Col. Fowler.

This means, of course, that E. V. Sherman, Col. Fowler's private secretary, is going to stay for a time, if not for good. Mr. Sherman is a son of Vice President Sherman, and there has been a good deal of speculation as to what the new collector's attitude would be toward him.

In the course of the afternoon, Mr. Loeb received several boxes of flowers from friends. When he got to the day his private office looked almost like the corner of a conservatory. One piece, a horseshoe of roses and carnations, was fully four feet high. Mr. Loeb had nothing to say in regard to the business of his new office, except that he intended to buckle down and learn it from the ground floor up.

Col. Fowler will probably resume the practice of the law. He is the first collector who has left office without either resigning or being dismissed.

Referring to this circumstance today he said:

"It is not necessary for me to resign or to be dismissed. I simply go out."

Regards to Clarkson.

President Taft sent his kindest regards by Collector Loeb, who was sworn in today as collector of the port, to Gen. James S. Clarkson, survivor of the port, with the message that Gen. Clarkson is to serve out his term.

President Taft has never had any idea of shortening Surveyor Clarkson's term, and he has had little patience with the New York State Republican who wanted Surveyor Clarkson's place at once. He turned out the surveyorship at the end of his term, but he requested to remain in the service of the administration, either in Washington or in New York.

Collector Loeb will be one of the guests at the Hotel Astor to-morrow night at the fourth annual dinner of the Iowa Society of New York, of which Gen. James S. Clarkson is president. One of the toasts will be "Welcome," by Gen. Clarkson.

Wants Job as Bodyguard.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 9.—News was received in this city today that Elmer Thompson, formerly guard of the Cornell football team for three years, has applied to President Taft to be appointed special Secret Service agent and bodyguard. Thompson is one of the largest men who ever played college football. He stands over six feet in height and weighs about 235 pounds.

Sentenced for Barbitarics.

Brussels, March 9.—Lieut. Arnold, who gained unenviable notoriety through the accusations made against him growing out of the barbitarics he committed on other gatherings in the Congo, has been found guilty and sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude. He will appeal from the sentence.

Kingdon Gould in Directory.

New York, March 9.—Kingdon Gould, the twenty-two-year-old son of George J. Gould, was elected to the board of directors of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company today at the annual meeting in St. Louis. He succeeds to the vacancy created by the resignation of Stuyvesant Fish.

Deputies Favor Income Tax.

Paris, March 9.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed the income tax bill as a whole by a vote of 407 to 108. It now goes to the Senate, where many of the deputies, who voted in favor of it throughout the debates, hope it will be killed.

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BALTIMORE KILLS WIFE.

Quarrel Over Possession of Their Child Leads to Tragedy.

Baltimore, March 9.—Charles Zacharada, a Bohemian, shot and killed his wife, Augusta, this morning at her home as the culmination of a domestic quarrel as to who should have the custody of their eldest child, Etienne, who, with her baby sister, Annie, were the only witnesses of the killing.

Zacharada was arrested a short time later at the home of his mother, where he has lived for six months since his separation from his wife.

WILL DINE WITH TAFT

Harvard Club Invites President to Annual Banquet.

DR. ELIOT GUEST OF HONOR

Colleagues Plan for Feast at Which Senator Elihu Root and Other Notable Men Will Speak—New Building to Be Erected in This City. Local Graduates Elected Members.

When the sons of "Fair Harvard" gather at their annual dinner on March 30 they will have as their guests a large company of distinguished men.

Their guest of honor will be the retiring president and their alma mater, Charles W. Eliot, and at the speakers' table will sit President Taft, a son of Yale, but recipient of a Harvard honorary degree; Senator Root of New York; Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, and President Fox, of the New York Harvard Club.

Plans for the annual dinner, which will be held at the Raleigh, were completed at a meeting of the Washington Harvard Club last evening. It will be the most notable function of its kind ever given in this city and will crystallize the university forces in the Capital as they have not been heretofore.

New Building Urged.

Dr. David T. Day laid the project of a new university club building before the society.

"We could raise the money we need to-morrow," said Dr. Day. "I was satisfied to have a few wealthy members contribute the full amount. But we do not want that condition to prevail. We want the rank and file of our club to erect the new building."

"We want every one to subscribe according to his ability. The new clubhouse should be thoroughly representative of university life in Washington, and all of us should do our best to make it a reality in the future."

Another representative of the University Club declared that the full subscription of \$350,000, covering the cost of site and buildings, would be on the books in the next few weeks, and that construction would begin shortly afterward. The clubhouse will be erected on the north-west corner of Vermont avenue and I street.

The founding of a scholarship for a Washington student at Harvard was again discussed at length, and progress was reported. When \$300 is raised, plans will be laid for sending a freshman to Cambridge next year. To be chosen for competitive examinations. It is expected the scholarship will be permanent.

Ten New Members.

Ten local Harvard graduates were elected to membership. The lecture of the evening was given by Dr. F. L. Dunlap, of the board of food and drug inspectors, Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, on the "Practical results of synthetic chemistry."

In connection with the annual dinner, it was announced that all applications for seats must be made to the hands of Pickering Dodge, chairman, on or before March 27.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Tuesday, March 9, 1909. The Western storm, now central over Eastern Iowa. The area of precipitation over the Ohio and Middle and Lower Middle Atlantic and south as far South as Southern Missouri and Southern Kansas.

Temperature has risen in the East and fallen decidedly in the Middle Gulf States and the Northwest.

Following the stormy conditions that now exist over the interior and eastern portions of the country, a cold wave will advance from the British North Atlantic over the Rocky Mountains and Plains States Wednesday and Thursday night, and will reach the Gulf coast.

The cold wave will reach the Gulf coast from Jacksonville to Eastport. The winds along the New England coast will be high westerly; on the Middle Atlantic coast high north to west; on the South Atlantic coast high north to west; on the East Gulf coast, high north to west; on the West Gulf coast, high north to west; on the West Gulf coast, high north to west.

Departing westerly winds for European ports will have high southerly winds and rain to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 62; 2 a. m., 60; 4 a. m., 59; 6 a. m., 58; 8 a. m., 57; 10 a. m., 56; 12 noon, 55; 2 p. m., 54; 4 p. m., 53; 6 p. m., 52; 8 p. m., 51; 10 p. m., 50; 12 midnight, 49.

Relative humidity, 8 a. m., 96; 2 p. m., 79; 8 p. m., 85. Rainfall (8 a. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.13. Hours of Sunshine, 10. Per cent. possible moisture, 17. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 65; minimum, 35.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m., yesterday, are as follows:

City	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Ashville, N. C.	50	30	38	0.0
Atlanta, Ga.	70	50	61	1.00
Baltimore, Md.	48	38	48	0.0
Boston, Mass.	42	28	38	0.12
Buffalo, N. Y.	38	24	34	0.44
Chicago, Ill.	52	34	44	0.02
Cincinnati, Ohio	48	30	40	0.18
Chester, Pa.	30	16	24	0.0
Cleveland, Ohio	40	22	30	0.30
Detroit, Mich.	38	24	28	0.0
Des Moines, Iowa	32	20	28	0.0
Galveston, Texas	62	50	60	0.0
Havana, Cuba	78	64	72	0.0
Indianapolis, Ind.	62	44	60	0.0
Little Rock, Ark.	54	42	50	0.0
Los Angeles, Cal.	66	48	64	0.0
Memphis, Tenn.	58	40	50	0.12
New Orleans, La.	72	58	68	1.18
New York, N. Y.	58	38	48	0.0
North Platte, Neb.	38	14	30	0.0
Omaha, Neb.	32	22	32	0.14
Portland, Me.	48	30	38	0.0
Portland, Ore.	52	40	50	0.0
St. Louis, Mo.	62	38	50	0.0
St. Paul, Minn.	58	38	48	0.14
Springfield, Ill.	60	38	50	0.0
Tacoma, Wash.	68	48	60	0.02

Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 10:34 a. m. and 10:37 p. m. Low tide, 4:25 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. To-morrow—High tide, 11:24 a. m. and 11:28 p. m. Low tide, 4:33 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald. Harpers Ferry, W. Va., March 9.—Both rivers slightly cloudy today.

Parental Prejudice.

From Life. "But why didn't you consult your father and me before you were married?"

"Because, mamma, I was afraid you might prejudice me against him."

PLEADS FOR COOPERS

Counsel Takes Up the Day in Speaking for Defense.

ATTENDANCE BREAKS RECORD

Hundreds Who Arrive at Court Room at Knoxville After Gen. Meeks Begins to Speak Are Denied Admission—Pays High Tribute to Robin Cooper—Gen. Garner Speaks Today.

Nashville, Tenn., March 9.—The attendance today at the trial of Col. D. J. Cooper, E. J. Cooper, and J. D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of ex-Senator E. W. Carmack, was the largest since the case was called for hearing, seven weeks ago.

Hundreds who came after Judge Hart had rapped his gavel, and Gen. M. H. Meeks, for the defense, had begun his speech were unable to gain admission.

Mr. Meeks began speaking at 9 o'clock, and at 11:50 he requested Judge Hart to grant an adjournment, saying he felt indisposed and needed a rest. The request was granted, and court was adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Pays Tribute to Son.

In closing his address, Mr. Meeks said the defendants had been before the jury and their lives had been laid bare. He paid a high tribute to Robin Cooper, who, he said, had not only done everything he himself could do to avert the trouble, but he had also used other influences to that end.

When he saw his father in trouble he went to his aid as any good son would have done. Standing on the sidewalk, without a pistol in his hand, he was fired upon by Mr. Carmack, and drawing his pistol, he then defended himself. All regretted the death of any one, but there should be justice to the living as well as to the dead.

Col. Cooper had been taken through a severe cross-examination and subjected to humiliation. He had not fired a shot and was not guilty. Mr. Meeks said there was no justification for the arrest and indictment of Mr. Sharp, against whom, he said, no evidence had been presented.

Asks for Freedom.

In closing his speech, Mr. Meeks asked the jury to return a verdict of not guilty as to all the defendants. Referring to Col. Cooper, he said:

"Turn Col. Cooper loose and let him once more mingle with the remnants of the old boys who followed him in the '60s."

He then paid an eloquent tribute to the wearers of the gray.

Gen. J. B. Garner, for the State, will speak to-morrow.

SAENGERBUND SEEKS PRIZE

Busily Rehearsing to Win Out at National Saengerfest.

United Singers Will Appear in Two Concerts Competing for the Kaiser's Prize.

Determined to uphold their reputation as true exponents of the German lied and folksong, and to return from the twenty-second annual National Saengerfest of the Northeastern Saengerbund, which is to be held in New York June 19-24, crowned with victory, the male chorus of the Washington Saengerbund, under the leadership of Prof. Henry Xander, held a largely attended rehearsal at the "bund hall" last night.

At the rehearsal, as at those which will be held hereafter, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, the chorus songs were thoroughly gone over. There will be about 6,000 singers from all parts of the country in the race for the various prizes and distinctions. The Washington singers, including those of the Saengerbund, the Arion, and the Germania, composing the United Singers of Washington, have at former national saengerfests returned winners, and they are fully convinced that they will not fall back of their former accomplishments this year.

There will be two concerts in which the United Singers of this city will compete. The musical directors at the national saengerfest will be Julius Lorenz and Carl Hein, both of whom will be here in due time to rehearse with the local singers and singers of their own interpretation of the prize songs.

The Kaiser Wilhelm prize will also be competed for at this saengerfest. It is a magnificent production of the silversmith's art. It is a solid silver statuette of a German minnesinger, or German minstrel of the Middle Ages. The bust is of finished gold. The prize is said to have cost 80,000 marks, or about \$200,000.

At the same time the saengerbund members are preparing for their second concert, which is to be held at the National Theater on Sunday, March 21, at which the following soloists will appear: Miss Elsie Dodge, the distinguished soprano of New York; Master Kotarsky, the renowned young Russian violinist, and an orchestra of forty musicians.

The German-American Benevolent Association met at Bessler's Hall last night to transact its regular monthly business. After the admission of the new members, the question of giving an excursion to Mount Hall this summer was debated. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements: J. N. Auth, Leo Diegelman, Louis Wege, M. Fersinger, J. Doer, and A. Streitz. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Bessler for the use of his hall, the society having engaged quarters in Wasserman's Hall, on Seventh street.

Wilhelm Tell Lodge, G. O. K. P., met last night at its headquarters, in Louisiana avenue, and transacted routine business.

Agree on Parcel Post.

Rome, March 9.—The cabinet has sanctioned an Italian-American parcels post convention.

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WOULD CHANGE ASSIGNMENTS.

Petworth Citizens Ask an Investigation of District Methods.

"Resolved, That before Congress enacts new legislation directing that all property be assessed at its true value and that at 1 1/2 per cent. of the assessed value a question so important to the taxpayers of the District of Columbia, a committee of the Senate or of the House of Representatives be directed to investigate the method or system employed in ascertaining improvement and land values by the board of assistant assessors."

By this resolution, proposed by E. W. Oyster, which was unanimously adopted last evening, the members of the Petworth Citizens' Association hope to have a radical change made in tax-paying methods of the District.

The resolution reads, in part, that it has been publicly charged that the assessments have been inequitable and unjust and, therefore, unlawful; that the government has been compelled to pay three or four times the assessed value of the land on which the Senate and House office buildings, state and five times the assessed value of the land on which the Government Printing Office stands.

Two states that the improvements made by the United States and the government have been more than half of the real estate values of the District of Columbia, and according to the present system the government does not bear its just share of the expenses of the District government.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the chairman of the House and Senate committees having the bill under consideration.

The report of the committee which investigated the teachers' retirement bill now pending in the House was read and was put on file.

Over to the absence of W. C. Cromwell, president, the chair was occupied by H. M. Le Duc.

RECALLS DAYS OF STANTON

War Secretary's Confidant Talks to Historical Society.

Albert E. H. Johnson Gives Recital of Days that Tried Men's Souls.

"Reminiscences of Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War in Abraham Lincoln's administration," was the subject of an address last night by Albert E. H. Johnson, before the Columbia Historical Society.

Mr. Johnson was private secretary to Mr. Stanton. He told a number of facts that have not hitherto been given the public.

He described the famous war minister as a tyrant, but as "brains of the administration." His tyranny, according to Mr. Johnson, lay in his belief that the interests of the North as a whole were more important than those of any individual.

In pursuance of that doctrine he often issued orders that seemed cruel in themselves, but which were, nevertheless, inspired by a deep insight into the military needs of the Union forces.

"The speaker called attention to the fact that the Secretary of War disregarded the strict requirements of the Constitution whenever he thought the exigencies of the occasion demanded such action, whereas President Lincoln's idea was that the Constitution should be lived up to in every detail. Their difference in point of view led them into a number of differences. On one occasion, according to Mr. Johnson, the President questioned the advisability of an order of the Secretary of War, saying:

"Is it in accordance with the Constitution?"

"That doesn't make a bit of difference," was Mr. Stanton's answer.

It was explained that the policy of the War Department in refusing to exchange Union prisoners for Confederate captives was a case of this kind.

Grant, as the speaker said, Mr. Stanton received a communication from Gen. Grant, in which the remark was made that the Secretary of War was to be restored to the ranks of the Southern army, in return for an equal number of starved Unionists, the cause of the North would be immeasurably impaired.

The Secretary of War then issued, over his own name, an order forbidding the exchange of prisoners, and became unpopular for an act that was not inspired by his own judgment.

James Dudley Morgan, president of the society, occupied the chair. Among those who participated in the general discussion that followed Mr. Johnson's address were George C. Ellison, Justice John Barnard, William H. Mumford, and Douglas Zevely, and William Henry Dennis.

A letter was read by the president from the Washington Academy of Sciences, inviting the society to give a lecture at the University of Kiel, Germany, at Hubbard Memorial Hall, on March 18. The subject will be "Modern political conditions in Europe."

SINGS SONGS SHE COMPOSED.

Mrs. Ella H. Melvin Delights Large Audience.

In a charming lyric spirit, touching vibrantly upon the lighter moods of life, Mrs. Ella H. Melvin sang songs of her own composition before the United Circle of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church last evening.

The songs ranged from the tenderness and delicacy of "Winds in the Poplar Trees" to the profoundly religious spirit of "The Manger Cradle," from St. Mark's gospel. Mrs. Melvin sang all of them in the mood demanded by the theme. She proved to be the best interpreter of her own compositions, and gave an evening of enjoyment to her auditors.

She prefaced each song with a descriptive talk of "how the theme came to her." The Manger Cradle, "Blessed Babe," "Smile a Bit," and "O, My America." These were the darlings and most delightful of the programme.

Mrs. Melvin possessed a pure, crystalline soprano, and is able to reach a high lyrical spirit in her work with unerring aim. She declared that the songs were not pretentious, but the product of her hours of ease. Through all of them thrilled true poetry, and the songs were presented with a bouquet of roses at the conclusion of her programme.

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